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YOUNG WOMAN WHO CAME FOR PLEASURE

WIFE'S STORY OF CURIOUS ARRANGEMENT

An amazing story of a married man's association with a young unmarried woman, in the same house as his partially paralysed wife and children were living, was told at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The young woman, Marjorie Powell, aged 22, factory hand, of Royal-road, Ramsgate, whose home address was given as Cudmore-road, Gnosall, Staffordshire, was summoned for entering a defence area for the purposes of pleasure, contrary to the Defence regulations, on 18th October.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P/S Files said that on the afternoon of 6th November he saw defendant at a house in Royal-road. He asked her why she was in the town and she said "We came back here about two weeks ago last Saturday. I am here to look after Mr. Miles' children. I am registered here and have had my identity card altered."

Witness said that later the same day he saw defendant at the police station and he then said to her "Is it a fact that you came here because of your association with Mr. Miles?" Defendant replied "Yes, that's true. We are in love with each other and that is the reason I came."

Not Her Affair.

Defendant told the magistrates that she was looking after Mr. Miles' children. Mrs. Miles was paralysed down the left side and if she had to leave the area Mrs. Miles would not be able to look after the baby and it would have to go away.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): That is no affair of yours.

Defendant: No.

She can get someone else to look after it.

No, she can't afford it. I came back to look after the two boys and to do the washing and keep them clean. Mrs. Miles can't do their washing.

When Mr. Knight pointed out that the baby was not brought back to Ramsgate until after she arrived, defendant said she did not know Ramsgate was a defence area. She came from Stafford to Ramsgate with Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

Called as a witness on behalf of defendant, Mrs. Eugene Miles said that owing to paralysis of her left arm and part of her leg she could not look after the baby. If defendant had to go she did not know what she would do. In addition to the baby of 18 months she had two boys age seven and 11 in Ramsgate. They all came back from Stafford in June. She could look after the boys but she could not manage the baby.

In reply to Mr. Knight, witness said the baby did not return with them in June. She was miserable without it so her husband sent for it.

Friend of Her Husband.

Mr. Knight: Is there any relationship between this young woman and yourself?

Witness: No. She is the friend of my husband.

Has she been living in the same house with you?—Yes. She came back on condition that she looked after the children. To have baby I consented to having Miss Powell back.

That's not the only reason she is living here is it? Be perfectly frank with the justices. I happen to remember that you have been to this court with complaints about your husband, and asking for a separation. You tell the justices the real reason for her being here.

Mrs. Miles: My husband got very friendly with her in Stafford. Naturally I was against it. He said that if Miss Powell came back to Ramsgate I could have baby, so I said yes.

Is it a fact that you have complained that your husband is living with this woman?—Yes, he is. He's got the flat above.

Is that not the real reason she is here?—They asked me for my consent.

When she came here with you this small child was not with you?—No.

The smallest child has been brought back since 18th October?—Yes, but I don't know the exact date.

In the Flat Above.

In reply to Mr. Knight, witness said she took the premises in Royal-road. Defendant, her husband and one of the boys lived in the flat above and she, the baby and the other boy were on the ground floor.

Mr. Knight: A curious arrangement.

Cross-examined by the Chief Constable, witness admitted that on 21st August she called at the police station and complained about defendant's association with her husband.

The Chief Constable: You know that she had been directed by the police to leave this area?—Yes.

And in order to escape from any action in Ramsgate your husband took her to Minster?—Yes.

Then you were directed by the police at Minster to leave the area?—Miss Powell was.

And in order to escape from the county police your husband brought her back here?—She came back here.

On 25th October your husband took this young woman and one of the boys to London?—Yes.

He was going to try and get lodgings there?—Yes.

He was going to leave you?—Yes.

Witness then admitted that she made a statement to the county police which was read by the Chief Constable.

Met in Stafford.

In the statement witness said she was 32 years of age and was living in Minster. She and her husband and the children formerly lived at Abbot's-hill, Ramsgate, but went to Gnosall, Staffordshire, where her husband became acquainted with Miss Powell. At the beginning of June, 1940, her husband brought Miss Powell to the rooms where they were billeted. Miss Powell was not working as she was ill following a miscarriage. Her husband said that if she would consent to Miss Powell coming back to Ramsgate with them she could have back her 15-months-old baby, who had been taken from her by the N.S.P.C.C. and placed in a nursery at Lichfield. They subsequently returned to Ramsgate and Miss Powell came to live with them. They had been there a week when a police officer called and said Miss Powell must get out of Ramsgate within 24 hours, but she was given a week in which to make arrangements. They then all moved to Minster. Although she was partially paralysed she could do the majority of the housework. Ever since they had been back from Stafford her husband had slept with Miss Powell and she was expecting a child by him.

The Chief Constable: Is not this the position? Your husband is associating with this young woman, she is pregnant by him, she is co-habiting with him in your house with your consent and knowledge, and he wants her to remain here with him?—Yes, but it's not with my consent.

If it's not with your consent, why do you have her in the house?—I can't turn her out.

Parents' Request to Police.

Witness said she knew that the defendant's parents had written to the police asking them to try and trace her.

The Chief Constable: After all that you come here and want to defend her?—I don't want to defend her. I want to keep my baby. They promised me I should have baby back if I allowed her to stay.

Your husband and this young woman have made quite a fool of you?—Yes.

You are in a helpless condition and have got to do as you are told?—To a certain extent, yes.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the case would be adjourned for one week, and in the meantime he would advise defendant to return to her parents. If she was in the town the following Monday she would be sent somewhere where she would not want to go. If she returned to her parents she would probably hear no more of the case.

Defendant: I can't go back after this.

The Chairman repeated his statement and defendant then said she would go.

It was pointed out to defendant that she must leave not only Ramsgate but the defence area, which included the greater part of Kent.

BEAUTY QUEEN'S ATTENDANT

WEDS AT RAMSGATE

One of the "ladies-in-waiting" to Miss Ethel Todd when she was Ramsgate's Carnival Queen in 1936, Miss Joan Florence Hurley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hurley, of 4 Gables-villas, Crescent-road, Ramsgate, was married on Saturday.

Her bridegroom was L/Bdr. Charles Gerald Mayer, R.A., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mayer, formerly lived at 17 Grange-road, Ramsgate, and the ceremony took place at St. Augustine's Church.

Given away by her father, the bride was dressed in a two-piece ensemble of dusty pink crepe with Burgundy accessories. She carried a bouquet of rust and white chrysanthemums and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Hurley (sister), who wore a dress of light mauve crepe, her bouquet being of white and mauve chrysanthemums.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Winslow, and Bdr. S. Smith, R.A., of Lewisham, carried out the duties of best man.

A reception at the bride's home followed the ceremony. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold cross and chain.

Formerly a hairdresser, the bride is now doing her bit helping to make the shells for her husband to fire.

LATER DRINKS AT MARGATE

Following the raising of the curfew by the South Eastern Regional Commissioner, Margate public-houses have reverted to the normal 10.30 p.m. closing.

HE WAS NOT JOKING

ARTISTIC AIRMAN'S DEATH

When L/A/C Anthony James Douglas Glaisher, aged 22, threatened to take his life, his comrades thought he was joking.

On Friday morning the body of the young airman was found on the sands at Ramsgate. He had sustained fatal head injuries in falling nearly 30ft. from the top of the pier.

A verdict that he took his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree) at an inquest on Saturday.

Dr. W. J. Dunlop described the injuries sustained by the man and said that although death would not have been instantaneous he would not have had any feeling following the fall.

Ldg. Stkr. William Henry Barnes said he was walking on the pier at about 8.50 a.m. on Friday when he saw an airman sitting astride the wall. He said "Hullo, are you fishing?" but received no reply. Shortly afterwards someone ran along the pier and shouted that there was a man over the wall. Looking over the wall witness saw the airman lying on the sands. He went to his assistance and found his face was almost buried in the sand. He appeared to be dead. Shortly afterwards men arrived with a stretcher.

An officer in Glaisher's unit said he had received no complaints about him except that the previous Sunday the flight-sergeant had had to check him about his general appearance. He was due for a kit inspection on the morning of his death but that should not have worried him. The height of the pier at the spot where he met his death was 28ft.

William Alfred Liddle, of Liverpool-lawn, Ramsgate, who was on the pier at the time, said he saw Glaisher "rolling over the wall." He looked just in time to see his coat and legs disappear over the top.

Gentle and Dreamy.

A colleague, L/A/C Lawrence Gregory Mowat, said Glaisher was quite affable with his companions but was of a gentle and very dreamy disposition. He had a fanciful nature. He spoke very little of his past life but said he was very unhappy in the service because it crushed his artistic temperament. He was very fond of sketching, painting and music. He complained that in the service there was no prospect for anyone of artistic talent.

Witness said that twice he had heard Glaisher threaten to take his life, but he and his colleagues naturally took it as a joke. They could never take him seriously because he used to change so much about everything.

Glaisher, said witness, threatened to take his life the previous Tuesday. He began to make preparations, and wrote some letters. The boys still took it as a joke. He wrote a letter which he gave to one of witness' friends to read and he then put it in an envelope and sealed it down. Glaisher gave witness that letter, together with another letter, and asked him to post them. Witness enquired of his friend as to the contents of the letter and realised that he could not post them. They decided the time had arrived to put a stop to it so he told Glaisher that he was taking the matter to the commanding officer.

One Long Leg-Pull.

"He then told us it had been one long leg-pull," said witness, "and he expressed pleasure at having taken us in." The letters were returned to Glaisher.

Witness said he saw Glaisher on the pier shortly before nine o'clock on Friday morning. He seemed to be rather worried and frightened. Witness asked him what was the matter and he said he thought he was to be put on a charge. He asked him the nature of the charge and Glaisher said he was due for a kit inspection that morning and he had not a full kit. Witness told him that he did not think it probable that he would be charged but that he might have to pay by degrees for any shortage in his kit. He told him not to worry about it and it would be all right.

Five minutes after this conversation, said witness, he heard shouts that an airman had fallen over on to the sands. Glaisher at times complained that he had periods of "blackout" and momentary loss of consciousness. He put it down to his heart.

Letter to Mother.

Summing up, the Coroner said Glaisher left a number of letters which had been identified as being in his handwriting. One of these was addressed to his mother and after quoting what he said was a verse by Rossetti he wrote "My life has been decidedly unsuccessful. I have never managed to do the things which are to me worth while. So I have planned my own death. Please believe me when I say I am truly sorry for any grief I may have caused you at any time."

The Coroner said that was one of the letters which Glaisher gave to L/A/C Mowat to post. There were also letters to other people. He did not know who they were as they were addressed to people by their Christian names and they also contained threats that he intended to take his life and requests as to how his property should be disposed of.

He was quite satisfied, said the Coroner, that Glaisher took his life intentionally and that at the time his mind was unbalanced.

RAMSGATE CHILDREN'S CHOICE

GO TO SCHOOL OR GO AWAY

COMPULSORY FULL-TIME EDUCATION TO START AGAIN

Evacuation, or compulsory full-time schooling.

In the New Year the parents of all children of school age remaining in Ramsgate will have to choose one of these alternatives.

For some time past hundreds of children in Ramsgate have been receiving no education whatsoever. A modified form of "home service tuition" has been provided during the past few months but it was not compulsory and the attendance was not good.

The Board of Education have now approved the plans of the Education Committee for re-opening for full-time education a number of the schools in the town, which automatically brings into operation the full provisions of the Education Acts.

A warning that so far as attendance was concerned the Acts would be rigidly enforced was given at a meeting of the Education Committee on Monday.

The report of the Education Committee in committee stated that a sub-committee had considered arrangements for the re-opening of a number of schools to provide full-time education for the children of school age resident in the borough.

The Secretary, the report proceeded, had informed the Board of Education of the intentions of the committee and sought confirmation that the re-opening of the schools automatically brought into operation the full provisions of the Education Acts. The formal approval of the Regional Commissioner to the re-opening was awaited.

A condition attaching to the re-opening related to the protection available for the children. It was required that the protection available should conform to the Air Raid Precautions Code Standard. The close proximity of protection, the situation geographically of the various buildings and the accommodation available were matters constantly borne in mind by the sub-committee in determining which premises to utilise.

To assist them in their efforts to secure a satisfactory and workable scheme for the provision of education for the 850 children now in the town the sub-committee, at a later meeting, conferred with Miss Dexter and Mr. Hartley, the head teachers responsible for operating the scheme of part-time tuition during the past four months, and were grateful to them for their constructive help and ready assistance.

Opening Six Schools.

The sub-committee determined that the basis of the scheme should be the establishment of a senior mixed, junior mixed and infant school affording initial accommodation for approximately 200 children in the Hereson district, a school with similar provision in the Ellington district, provision for juniors and infants at Dame Janet and similar, but smaller, provision at St. Luke's and Christ Church Schools.

The sub-committee decided, for the time being, to discontinue the use of St. George's Schools for educational purposes.

St. Augustine's Mixed School will re-open to cater for the small group of Roman Catholic children in the borough.

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VICAR LEAVING

REV. C. P. COWLAND-COOPER'S NEW POST

Vicar of St. Lawrence for the past 14 years, the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper informed his congregation on Sunday that he would shortly be leaving Ramsgate, having accepted the living at Bicester, Oxfordshire.

In conversation with an Advertiser & Echo representative, Mr. Cowland-Cooper said that although he considered it unwise for a vicar to stay too long in the same parish, he would have preferred to see the war through in Ramsgate. He had, however, to consider the fact that his wife was an invalid and that his aged mother was also living at the vicarage. Taking these facts into consideration, he felt it his duty to accept the offer and he expected to be leaving St. Lawrence in February.

During the last war Mr. Cowland-Cooper, while priest-in-charge at St. Andrew's, Reading Street, St. Peter's, served as a chaplain with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Serving in Egypt, Palestine and Syria, he was promoted senior chaplain, with the rank of major, of the Meerut Division.

At the end of the war he returned to St. Andrew's until 1920, and following a lecturing appointment, in connection with which he toured England for 12 months, was nominated to the living of Sturry in 1921.

Shortly before his induction as vicar of St. Lawrence in December, 1927, Mr. Cowland-Cooper, who is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, took part in an Industrial Crusade led by the Bishop of Woolwich at Wolverhampton.

During his vicariate at St. Lawrence the condition of the Church of England Schools at Manston has been one of the problems with which he has had to deal.

His daughter, Miss P. Cowland-Cooper, is a member of the staff of the Ramsgate Civil Defence services.

TOC H LOSS

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. E. A. READ

Chairman of the Ramsgate branch of Toc H and a member of the staff of the Food Control Office, Queen-street, Mr. Ernest A. Read died suddenly at his home, 7 St. David's-road, on Sunday afternoon, aged 47 years.

Mr. Read was at work at the Food Office as usual on Saturday morning and in the afternoon attended a meeting of Toc H. On Sunday morning he spent some time in his garden but in the early afternoon was taken ill and passed away in spite of prompt medical attention.

Although Mr. Read, who will be sadly missed by a wide circle of friends, had been in poor health for some years, it was not realised that he was so near the end as he had kept going to the last.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

The funeral to-morrow will be preceded by a short service conducted by the Rev. A. H. Culmer, Padre of the Ramsgate branch of Toc H, at Holy Trinity Church.

MARGATE'S WAR-TIME HELP

The sum of £2,000 for the month of November received by Margate Town Council has brought the total amount received to date by way of Government assistance towards the town's finances to £146,500.

SAPPER ARRESTED

Wearing civilian clothes, Spr. Harold James Briggs, R.E., aged 30, was charged at Margate police court on Monday with breaking and entering Vincent Farm House and stealing £1 10s. belonging to Ida Alice Tabbush and a raincoat and leather gloves belonging to Aubrey Sober.

Accused was taken into custody at Ashford police station on Saturday by D/S Presland, who pointed out that the raincoat in his possession was identical with the one that had been stolen. Briggs replied "All right." He was brought to Margate and after making a statement was charged and replied "I have nothing to say."

On the application of the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) accused was remanded in custody until Tuesday next.

OUTSTANDING RATES

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), Councillors A. W. Thomson and G. A. Abbott have been appointed a special sub-committee of Margate Town Council Finance Committee to consider and deal with cases of outstanding rates during the coming year.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 5.21 p.m.—8.24 a.m.
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HITCH-HIKED TO COURT

WORK WAITING FOR ARRESTED MINER

Having "hitch-hiked" all the way back from Stafford, Wilfred Howard Cleaves, aged 21, a miner, whose address was given as Huntingdon, Stafford, appeared at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The previous week the magistrates had issued a warrant for his arrest on a charge of stealing plums value 7s. 6d. from the orchard of Mr. Ernest Hogben on 11th September.

On Monday defendant was further charged with stealing, from a Ramsgate house which had been damaged by war operations, a razor of the approximate value of 7s. 6d., the property of Thomas Price, between 1st and 30th August.

P/S Files said that at 12.20 a.m. on 13th September, in company with P/C Jordan, he went to an empty house in Pysons-road where he saw defendant lying asleep on a bag of straw in the cellar. Some plums were lying beside him. Asked to account for his presence in the house, defendant said "I got drunk and I came here because I did not want to go to my lodgings."

The officer said defendant admitted stealing the plums from Mr. Hogben's orchard and at the police station said "If no proceedings are taken against me I am willing to pay for the plums."

Nights Spent in Empty House.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) read a statement made by defendant in which he said that on 11th September he had a few drinks and was going to stay with his brother at Newington for the night. On the way he entered the orchard, took some plums and placed them in a sack. He put them in an empty house where he spent the night. The following evening he went out with some friends playing darts in public-houses. He afterwards took a young lady home to Northwood. He did not want to go home to his lodgings as he had been drinking so he again went to the empty house. During the previous two weeks he had slept in the cellar at the house three times. He was quite willing to pay for the plums and had eaten about two pounds of them.

Asked why he did not attend court when first summoned a fortnight previously, defendant said he wrote a letter saying he could not come as he had no money. He had "hitch-hiked" from Stafford to Ramsgate, walking three parts of the way.

In reply to the Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight), defendant said he had been earning £3 15s. a week in the pits at Cannock.

Mr. Knight: "If you had looked after your money you would have had sufficient to pay your fare. Have you been on the drink?

Defendant: Yes, but I don't want the drink to interfere with stealing the plums. I just took them.

His Own Folly.

The Chief Constable said the police had had little time to look into the second charge and he asked that the case should be adjourned for a week. He had no objection to bail being allowed. Defendant was arrested in Ramsgate on Saturday. It was through his own folly that he had not sufficient money to come by train. He should have looked after his money instead of spending it on drink.

Mr. Knight read a letter from Chislet Colliery stating that they were willing to re-engage defendant when he was free. He would be engaged on work of national importance for which the supply of labour was very short.

Asked why he left Ramsgate, defendant said he got into trouble for the first time so he thought he would go away and make a fresh start.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that there would be a conviction in the first case but they would postpone their decision until they heard the second case the following week.

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WATER ENGINEER'S SALARY

From five candidates interviewed, Mr. H. F. Brandram Jones, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., deputy waterworks engineer at Brighton, was selected by the Waterworks Committee for the position of Waterworks Engineer at Margate in succession to Mr. A. E. Crispe.

Council in committee recommended at the meeting of the Council to-day that Mr. Jones should be appointed at a salary of £600 a year, rising by annual increments of £50 to £750, plus payment of a car allowance at the rate of £104 a year.

WAR SAVINGS CHRISTMAS

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

THE GANDERHOUSE GHOST

By CHRISTOPHER BECK

The telephone bell rang again.

"Yes, who is it?" asked Jim Tyrrell impatiently.

"What's the matter, Jim?" came a girl's voice. "You sound cross." Jim's face cleared magically. He laughed.

"So'd you be, Tess, if you were trying to finish an important plan and were rung up on an average once every ten minutes."

"Poor old boy, I'm so sorry. But I'm not ringing you just to talk. You know the Ganderhouse?"

"That nice funny old place above Sandy Cove," replied Jim.

"You've hit it off to a T, Jim. The dearest, quaintest house in the country, and—and just the place for us."

"For us! It's Miss Wynne's, and she's the last person to move from Maytham."

"But she is moving. I've just heard that she's going to Torquay to keep house for her brother. Jim, I want you to go straight to Prance and find out whether the Ganderhouse is to be let or sold. If it's to be let——"

"We must have it," broke in Jim. "Right, Tess dear. I'll go this minute."

Houses were uncommonly scarce in Maytham, and Jim, though in fair practice as a rising young architect, could not yet afford to build or to buy. That was why he and Tess Lynton had been obliged to delay their wedding.

Barely an hour later Jim arrived at Tess's home. Tess, a slim girl with an exquisitely clear skin and glorious auburn hair, came running to meet him.

"Did you get it, Jim?" she asked eagerly.

"I have first call on it," he answered as he caught her in his arms.

"Then why didn't you take it at once?"

Jim laughed.

"My dear, you're not going to ask an architect to take a house he has never inspected."

"When will you see it?" Tess asked.

"Miss Wynne is leaving to-morrow. I can't call till she's gone, so I've an order to view for next day." Tess looked tragic.

"That's Thursday, and I have to go to town for Letty Croome's wedding."

After lunch on Thursday Jim walked to Sandy Cove where, at the head of a narrow coombe, stood the quaintly named Ganderhouse with its garden sloping towards the sea. A tall hedge of holly cut off the wind and masses of ivy covered the thick stone walls. Jim let himself in with the latch key and started his inspection. He soon satisfied himself that the building was sound and the drains and water supply in order. He saw no signs of damp. The only objection to the place was that it had not been done up for years, and that the whole house would have to be repainted inside and out.

The Warning.

He felt very cheerful as he locked up and started back. Near the top of the steep hill leading up into the main road a man seated on a camp stool with a canvas on a small easel in front of him hailed Jim.

"Hulloa, Tyrrell, taking a day off?"

"Can't afford to do that, Starley," Jim answered. "In point of fact I've been house-hunting."

"Not the Ganderhouse?" questioned the other, laying down his paint brush and gazing up at Jim with a rather peculiar expression on his good-looking face. A striking looking man was Frank Starley with his large blue eyes and yellow beard.

"Yes," said Jim. "It's the Ganderhouse I've been inspecting, and I like it very much."

"You ought to get it cheap," said the other. Jim was puzzled.

"Why should I get it cheap?" he asked.

"You've never heard of the ghost?" Jim frowned.

"Whose ghost?" he demanded.

"It is the siprit of little Anne Fairfax. The story is that her mother, a widow, locked her in the small back room no doubt for safety's sake, and then went into the village. On the way she was knocked down by a runaway horse and killed. In those days the cliff road was very empty, her body was not found until next day, and by the time anyone thought of the poor baby, alone in the house, she was dead." Jim shuddered.

"What a horrible story! But why should poor little Anne haunt the place? She doesn't seem to have troubled Miss Wynne."

"Evidently she is not psychic. It is only sensitives who perceive these hauntings. Have you ever seen anything, Tyrrell?"

"Me! Good Lord, no." Starley looked hard at him.

"All the same I think you have the gift." He paused then went on. "You are going to be married, are you not?"

"Yes, to Miss Linton." Starley nodded.

"See here, Tyrrell, I don't want you to think me officious, but it would not be fair to take a girl into a house troubled as that one is. Will you take the advice of a man who has had some experience in these matters?"

"I'll be glad to hear it," said Jim rather curtly.

"Then before you take the house spend a night there." Jim considered a moment.

"I'll do that," he said at last. "But mind you, I haven't must belief in this sort of thing."

"I hope and trust there's nothing to be believed in," said Starley gravely, and Jim nodded and went on. He was thinking hard as he tramped back into the town. The first thing that occurred to him was whether Starley had any axe to grind, but that did not seem likely. The artist had a pretty cottage of his own. He was a bachelor with a competent housekeeper. There was no reason to suspect him of any desire to get hold of Ganderhouse. Jim went straight to Prance, and asked bluntly if he knew anything of the haunting of the Ganderhouse.

Prance admitted that there was some tale of a child having starved to death in the house.

"I'm going there to-night," Jim told him. "I don't believe in it, myself, but I'd like to make sure. I can keep the key?"

"You can keep the key right enough, Mr. Tyrrell, but you won't see or hear anything," repdied the agent with a smile.

Jim went home early and got a couple of hours sleep before he started. He took a book, some sandwiches, a flask of whisky, half a dozen candles and a torch, plenty of matches, and an overcoat. Also he had a small revolver in his pocket, and a thick stick in his hand.

It was a warm night but cloudy, dark and very still. Jim went straight to the small room behind the drawing-room and lit a couple of candles. During his previous visit he had noticed an old canvas chair left in an outhouse. He fetched this in. Then he took his torch and explored the house from garret to cellar. Incidentally, the old house had a very fine cellar, which was partly cut in the solid rock. When he had made quite certain that there was no living thing on the place except himself he spread the coat over the dusty old chair, opened his book and read until his first two candles were nearly burned out.

Interrupted Vigil.

It was then that he heard the sound. A very faint sound, more resembling the flutter of a small bird's wings than anything else. Dropping back in his chair he sat quite still listening intently. The sound died, there was a pause of utter silence, then came the voice.

"Mammy—Mammy!" Such a piteous little voice. Instead of frightening Jim it filled him with a sense of profound sorrow.

A pause, then the voice broke down into faint, thin sobbings which tore Jim's heart. Minutes passed, slowly the sad sounds died away. At last Jim stirred, got up and stretched his stiff limbs. A faint grey light at the edge of the sea showed that the summer dawn was breaking. Jim collected his property and went out, locking the door behind him.

Jim had too much sense to put Tess off with some lame story of bad drains. He told her the exact truth, and softhearted Tess flung herself into his arms and wept.

"Oh, the poor baby!" she sobbed. "Couldn't we do something for it, Jim?"

"You—you might pray for it," said Jim rather awkwardly.

"I will—I will." She paused. "Then you think we can't have the house, Jim?"

"It's out of the question, Tess. But cheer up, darling. If I get that town hall contract, I can afford to build, and you shall have a house right on the cliffs."

"That will be nice," said Tess, but though she spoke cheerfully Jim knew that no other house would match the Ganderhouse in her estimation.

Old Prance looked distinctly blue when he heard Jim's reason for not taking the house.

"You'll keep your mouth shut, Mr. Tyrrell," he begged.

"I shan't talk unless someone asks me a direct question," Jim promised, and Prance was clearly relieved.

"Ghost or no ghost, it won't wait long for a tenant," he said, and sure enough he was right. Within 24 hours it was taken by a married couple named Winslow, and Jim heard that they were spending a lot of money in doing it up. He himself went back to work with energy, and now that Fate had done him an ill turn the luck changed and he was informed that his design had been accepted for the new town hall.

The arbiter was Sir Roger Ramsden and Jim was flattered when he heard that the great man was coming down to Maytham and wished to see him.

Jim went to meet a master and found a friend. Sir Roger was a big man in every sense of the word, tall, broad-shouldered with a hawk nose and deep-set, kindly eyes under heavy brows. His mane of white hair added to his striking appearance. He took to him at once, and as for Jim, he had never met any man who attracted him so strongly.

After a long talk over Jim's plans, of which Sir Roger spoke most kindly, the great man asked Jim to dinner at his hotel. Afterwards the two smoked and talked, and Jim found himself telling the whole story of the Ganderhouse.

"But I suppose you don't believe in ghosts, sir?" Jim ended.

"Not in this one, I think," replied the other decidedly. Jim stared. Sir Roger went on. "I remember the old story perfectly. You see, Tyrrell, I am a native of this part of the world. I was born at Grendon, only two miles away."

"Then isn't it true?" Jim asked quickly.

"The facts as given you by Starley are true, but as it happens my family knew the Reynolds who had the Ganderhouse after Mrs. Fairfax, and I was often there as a boy. Certainly they were never troubled by any ghost."

"But I heard it," said Jim.

"No doubt you heard just what you have told me you heard, but I am not convinced that the sounds came from any supernatural source." Jim's eyes widened.

"I examined the house pretty thoroughly first, sir. And, in any case, who had any reason to try to humbug me?"

"That's what I should like to know. This whole business interests me greatly, and I should like to investigate. Come and see me to-morrow, Tyrrell."

Turning the Tables.

Next evening, when Jim turned up at the hotel he noticed a queer gleam in his new friend's eyes.

"You've discovered something, sir."

"I have, and it's this—Mrs. Winslow is Starley's niece." Jim whistled softly.

"Then the ghost was a fake after all?"

"I'm sure of it."

"Well, it's too late to do anything now," Jim remarked. "The Winslows have a seven years' lease."

"Then the lease must be broken," was the quick reply. Jim stared.

"I don't see——" he began, doubtfully.

"You can't be expected to see. Leave this to me, Tyrrell, and I think I can promise results." Jim looked more doubtful than ever.

"I don't quite understand why you should trouble yourself, sir."

"Then I'll tell you. In the first place, there's nothing gives me greater pleasure than scoring off a trickster of Starley's type; and in the second, I'm not too old to enjoy a bit of fun." He laid a kindly hand on Jim's shoulder. "Go back to your work, Tyrrell, and wait until you hear from me."

A week passed. Then one day Jim met Prance in the street, and Prance asked him into his office. The stout estate agent was looking unusually serious.

"You were right about that ghost, Mr. Tyrrell," he said. "I had Mr. Winslow here yesterday in a terrible way. Told me his wife was scared stiff and refused to stay any longer. He asked me to try and get rid of the lease." He looked at Jim. "Seems a pity, after all their outlay, doing the place up. Why, they must have spent a matter of three hundred pounds." Jim's heart leaped, yet he did not allow his face to betray his feelings.

"Are you suggesting I should take it, Mr. Prance?"

"No, but you might know someone who would." Jim nodded.

"I may be able to help you. Keep the offer open until I see you again." Prance's plump face brightened.

"I'll do that," he promised, and Jim hurried off to see Sir Roger.

"They've left," he said breathlessly. Sir Roger's eyes twinkled.

"I thought as much. Let's go down in that direction." When they came to the cove Sir Roger did not make straight for the house. Instead, he clambered up the rocky side of the coombe which was covered with scrubby bush. He pushed his way through a little thicket and Jim, following, found himself at the entrance of a small cave.

"Look out for your head," said Sir Roger as he stooped and went in. Once inside, he flashed a torch and walked along a passage cut in the rock. It sloped upwards and ended in a heavy door which Sir Roger opened and Jim saw that they were in the cellar beneath the Ganderhouse.

"This is one thing you didn't find out, Tyrrell," said his friend with a smile.

"I didn't even suspect it," replied Jim. "That door's wonderfully hidden."

"It is probably an old smuggler's passage," Sir Roger answered.

"Then Starley knew of this," said Jim quickly.

"I don't suppose for a moment he did. The house was empty and he could get in any way he liked. One of the Reynolds boys and I found the passage years ago but never told anyone. And I'm glad we didn't," he ended with a chuckle.

"Tell me what you did," Jim begged.

"If Starley's an electrician, I'm something of a chemist," Sir Roger answered. "You saw the carboy in the passage?"

"Yes," said Jim.

"That held carbonic acid snow. It's about the coldest stuff on earth and when exposed to the air evaporates rapidly, at the same time lowering the surrounding temperature. I gave them a dose of that two nights running. The third night I used a chemical, one of the hydrogen compounds, which has a horrible smell but is quite harmless. That appears to have done the trick."

"Wretched people!" said Jim half pityingly.

"I shouldn't waste compassion on them, Tyrrell, for it's quite certain that Mrs. Winslow, if not her husband, must have known of the dirty trick her uncle played on you."

Rather less than an hour later Jim again reached Prance's office.

"You've found a tenant?" asked the agent anxiously.

"I've decided to take it myself," Jim answered. Prance's eyes widened.

"You mean you aren't afraid of the ghosts any longer?"

"No," said Jim. "I have learned a little more about hauntings and I am no longer afraid."

And that very same evening he and Tess settled the date of their wedding.

THE END.

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ON KEEPING RABBITS

HOW TO FEED THEM

By R. KNIGHT

In a previous article I dealt with the housing of rabbits. I propose now to give a few hints on feeding and general management.

The most important thing to bear in mind is cleanliness. The hutches should be cleaned out at least twice weekly, more frequently if necessary.

A good bed of straw or hay is advised, although sawdust or wood chips provide a satisfactory and cheap litter.

Now with reference to feeding. The main point to remember is to choose a feeding method that will induce and maintain perfect health and condition.

At this time of year it is advisable to feed early morning and just before dusk.

For the morning feed use a large double handful of greenstuff, i.e., kale, savoy, etc. (outer leaves) or in frosty weather root crops, i.e., carrots, swedes, sugar beet.

The evening feed should consist of a similar quantity of greens, a handful of hay and scraps from the table.

In frosty weather it is essential to allow greenstuff to thaw before feeding, and also take care not to feed greenstuff that is too wet.

The Ministry of Agriculture allow a ration of bran to domestic rabbit keepers who have four or more breeding does. This helps considerably in preparing mashes made from house scraps, chat potatoes, etc.

Should you have any query re rabbit keeping, write to me c/o the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO, Ramsgate, and I shall be pleased to answer it in my next article, in which I propose to give a few hints on breeding.

FULL HOUSE

HEARS ABOUT SPIES

Nearly 1,500 people managed to crowd into the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, to hear Mr. Bernard Newman's entertaining talk on spies, but hundreds more had to be turned away owing to lack of space.

After securing fascinated attention with a few of his personal experiences of famous spies, Mr. Newman, who was speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Information, urged the large audience not to allow their morale to be sapped by listening to Haw Haw's half-truths, not to panic when the invasion came and not to give information to the enemy by talking about the movements of their relatives in the forces.

More dangerous than any spies, said Mr. Newman, were the people in this country who wanted to compromise with Hitler now.

The applause which greeted a woman's emphatic agreement with the speaker's opinion of the value to be placed on Hitler's word of honour must have been sufficient to convince Mr. Newman that nobody in this part of the globe remotely contemplates anything but the complete defeat of the Nazis.

Concluding a recital of his many duties as Services Welfare Officer, the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, who thanked Mr. Newman for his exhilarating talk, said that only this week he helped two of the boys to file their divorce papers.

TURN IT OUT!

MORE WASTE PAPER WANTED

Like Oliver Twist the Ramsgate Council of Social Service are asking for more.

The response to their appeal for waste paper has been good, but it might be better. In attics, in cellars, in cupboards and "glory holes" there still lie tons of waste paper which might be helping forward the war effort.

Waste paper is vital to the successful prosecution of the war and the Council of Social Service, who have received the blessing of Ramsgate Town Council in their efforts, are going all out for victory.

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If you are in any doubt drop a card to 8 Broad-street. The collectors will do the rest.

PASSING THE BUCK

A suggestion was made through the secretary of the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, in conjunction with the secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, that a scheme should be instituted whereby a penny a week should be deducted for the fund from the wages of Ramsgate Corporation employees.

The Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) reported to the Works Committee of the Town Council that owing to the calling up of members of his staff he could not arrange for the deductions to be made through his department, so the committee have suggested to the secretary of the Union that he should consider making arrangements for contributions to be collected through channels which exist for the collection of union contributions.

HARBOUR VACANCIES FILLED

Capt. S. J. Shippick, nominated by the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, and Mr. D. Kirkaldie have been co-opted to fill vacancies on the Harbour Committee of Ramsgate Town Council.

VISITOR WAS SOLDIER'S WIFE

For failing to keep a register of visitors as required by the Aliens Order, 1920, Mrs. Ethel F. Griffiths, of Albion-road, Birchington, appeared at Margate police court on Wednesday.

P/C Colyer said when he spoke to Mrs. Griffiths about a Mrs. Prebble having spent a night at the house she said she thought people could only enter the area with police permission, and that it was quite all right.

Defendant said she was in ignorance of the form which should have been filled up. On the night of 15th November a soldier called, saying his wife had arrived unexpectedly, and asked if she could put them up.

The case was dismissed on payment of 4s. costs.

FUNERAL OF MRS. T. R. PANTONY

The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Tuesday of Mrs. Charlotte Annie Pantony, wife of Mr. T. R. Pantony, of St. George's-road, Broadstairs, who has carried on business at St. Peter's for many years.

Mrs. Pantony was 55 years of age.

The mourners included the widower, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillett (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. Olive and Mr. and Mrs. J. Shilling (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mrs. Goldup and Miss E. Pantony (sisters-in-law), Mr. E. Pantony (brother-in-law) and Mr. T. Benwell (cousin).

Floral tributes included one from the Loyal Perseverance Lodge of Oddfellows, of which Mr. Pantony is a Past Grand.

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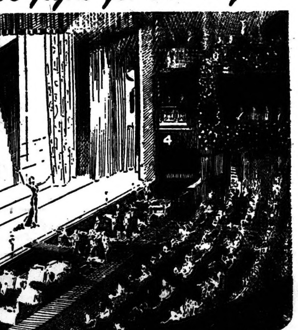

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BROADSTAIRS MAN WHO WON D.S.M.

MISSING ON H.M.A.S. SYDNEY

A Broadstairs man who fought in two great wars was among the crew of 42 officers and 603 men of H.M.A.S. Sydney, which disappeared after a duel with a German armed raider which was sunk.

He was Chief Petty Officer Stanley Silk, D.S.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Silk, of Osborne-road, Broadstairs, who have lived in Broadstairs for 30 years but are now staying at Sevenoaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Silk have received news that their son is missing and presumed dead.

C/P/O Silk was 17 years of age when he joined the Royal Navy in 1915, and was on H.M.S. King George at the Battle of Jutland. Later he was transferred to the Royal Australian Navy and during the past 26 years has spent little time at home.

He served as a gunnery instructor for some time and six years ago he was a member of the crew of H.M.S. Australia, the ship which brought the Duke of Gloucester home to England following a visit to Australia.

C/P/O Silk served with H.M.A.S Sydney in the Mediterranean last year and for the part he played in a naval engagement with two Italian cruisers in July was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal early this year. The Sydney sank Mussolini's fastest cruiser, Bartolomeo Colleoni, and sent another, damaged, speeding to her base. On one occasion, after sinking the Italian destroyer Espero, the Sydney was attacked 25 times by Italian planes and ran out of anti-aircraft shells but kept the bombers at bay with harmless smoke-shells until she reached Alexandria Harbour without receiving a scratch.

Mr. and Mrs. Silk, senr., came to Thanet from Sturry and were at one time members of Ramsgate Cavendish Baptist Church.

SOLDIERS CONFIRMED

PRIMATE AT BROADSTAIRS

About 20 soldiers were included in the 39 candidates presented for confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Thursday.

The clergy present included the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey) and the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Reading Street.

Thirteen of the candidates were from Holy Trinity parish.

The Archbishop expressed sympathy with the people of Broadstairs who had suffered through enemy action.

HIS LORRY WAS COMMANDEERED

Four summonses were preferred against William Ernest Taylor, a coal merchant, of Westfield-road, Margate, at Margate police court on Wednesday.

He was summoned for using a lorry with parts and accessories in a dangerous condition, using it with inefficient brakes, using it with a defective silencer, and using it for goods without a carrier's license.

Defendant said the Army commandeered his own lorry and it was the only one he could get.

Reginald Trye, Ministry of Transport examiner, said the lorry was a danger on the road. It was prohibited from further use until thoroughly overhauled.

Defendant: Do you think it would be of any use doing anything to it?

Witness: No.

Defendant told the magistrates he spent every penny he had in buying a good lorry and six weeks afterwards it was commandeered

A fine of £3 was imposed.

LOOTING ALLEGED

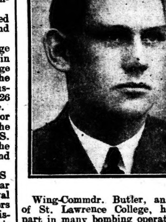
At Margate police court on Wednesday Pte. Ernest Hipkiss, 31, was further remanded until 17th December on a charge of looting from a house at Sea-road, Westgate, where he was alleged to have stolen four sheets, a hand mirror and hair brush.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, asking for the remand, said there were a number of other cases to be inquired into.

DISTINGUISHED FATHER AND SON

WING-COMMDR. BUTLER AT PALACE

Wing-Commdr. Vernon S. Butler, R.A.F., son of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler, O.B.E.) and Mrs. Butler, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive from H.M. the King the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Wing-Commdr. Butler, an old boy of St. Lawrence College, has taken part in many bombing operations over Germany and enemy-occupied country.

He was accompanied at the investiture by his wife and his mother. The Chief Constable and his daughter, Mrs. H. Moyes, were also at the Palace.

Both father and son have now received decorations at the hands of the King.

49TH PARALLEL

EPIC FILM AT ODEON

Some of Britain's greatest screen stars are featured in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day (Tuesday) and Wednesday Gordon Harker and Sydney Howard head the cast of "Once a Crook," which combines both thrills and comedy. Harker portrays one of his famous Cockney roles as an ex-convict, Hopkins, now reformed and landlord of a London tavern, and Howard that of Harry, the tavern potman, a former pickpocket turned evangelist, who wavers between seeing the "light" and reverting to drink. The manner in which they thwart an American gunman provides grand entertainment. Cesar Romero stars as the "Cisco Kid" in "Romance of the Rio Grande," which is also being shown.

Leslie Howard, Laurence Olivier, Raymond Massey, Anton Walbrook and Eric Portman head the great cast of "49th Parallel," claimed as the greatest epic of to-day, which will be shown for the latter part of the week. The story of "49th Parallel" is built around the wrecking of a U-boat by Canadian bombers while a party of six Nazis have gone ashore to rifle the local trading station. Stranded, the Germans attempt to cross Canada into the United States. Deftly interwoven into the framework of the plot are dramatic conflicts between the Nazis and various types of Canadians —these encounters bringing out every phase of present-day life in the Dominion. A film unit travelled 20,000 miles to make location shots for the film. The supporting programme will include a Walt Disney cartoon, "Music A La King."

J.I.C. Delegate.—Councillor J. Martin has been re-appointed Ramsgate Town Council's representative on the Joint Industrial Council.

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GETTING READY

BROADSTAIRS PREPARES FOR PEACE

As briefly reported in our last issue, Broadstairs Council at their December meeting appointed a committee to report upon a policy of post-war reconstruction after the General Purposes Committee had recommended that no action should be taken in the matter at present.

When the report of the committee was submitted for confirmation, Councillor Pearson said he made the suggestion that a small sub-committee should be appointed to consider the question from time to time so that they would know where they stood when the war came to an end. The war had got to end some time and when it did there would be a tremendous amount of work for local authorities, especially in coastal towns such as theirs. There would then be the need for a defined policy for the town.

In the Forefront.

One point made against his suggestion at the meeting of the committee was that when the time arrived the Council might be differently constituted. That was true but he thought any new Council would welcome a definite report by people who had been members of the local authority during former years of peace. He felt that some action should be taken to ensure that Broadstairs would be once again in the forefront when peace returned.

Supporting the Chairman's suggestion, Councillor Malpress said Broadstairs required a progressive policy. There appeared to be chaos in the town following the last war. They might wake up one morning to find the war over and have no policy prepared.

Moving that a committee should be formed, Councillor E. K. Minter said most other coastal towns in the south had taken similar action.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor B. Humphrey, who said he believed in the Scout motto "Be Prepared." Nothing but good could come of such a committee.

Chaos Denied.

Councillor Foster denied the suggestion that there was chaos in Broadstairs after the last war. The Council achieved more in the first year after the last war than for many years either before or after.

Declaring that Councillor Malpress was not going to "get away with it," Councillor Bing said he was a member of the Council at the time and they were then governed by the general body of members and not by two or three.

Adding that he thought the proposal was premature, Councillor Bing said they were told that the officials were already overburdened and the formation of another committee would only add to their work.

"It has been said I don't pull my weight because I am living out of the town," said Councillor Bing. "The members of this Council are as intelligent as any Council you will find in East Kent." Every decision they came to was arrived at with a view to the time when the war would be over.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried and the sub-committee appointed.

CUCKOO ALERT DELAY

As the six "cuckoo" adaptors obtained by Ramsgate Town Council to sound the alarm within the alert cannot be brought into use without the installation by the Post Office telephone department of separate sets of wiring, which will involve an annual payment of £180, the Civil Defence Committee have approved the expenditure.

The Borough Engineer has been authorised to take all necessary steps to have the work carried out as quickly as possible.

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Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

TWICE BOMBED OUT OF HOME

GASSED POSTMAN'S LONG SERVICE

As reported in our last issue, Mr. William George Bull, aged 59 years, of 40 Church-road, Ramsgate, who had been employed at Ramsgate G.P.O. for 43 years, first as telegraph boy and then as postman, was found gassed in the scullery after he had returned home from the crypt of St. George's Church early on the morning of 1st December.

A verdict that he took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at the inquest on Tuesday.

The widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Lydia Bull, said her husband, who was wounded in the wrist during the last war, enjoyed fairly good health until 24th August last year. The house in which they were living was then bombed and it was again damaged in November. On 24th August her husband was at home when the house was hit by a bomb and this and the subsequent raid upset him. They had since spent the nights in the crypt of St. George's Church but her husband complained that he could not sleep. She asked him to go and see a doctor but he refused to do so. His eyes were so bad that he could hardly see and he found walking exceedingly difficult, especially when delivering letters in the dark in the mornings. He had only about a year to serve before he was due to retire.

Mrs. Bull said that on Sunday evening she and her husband attended the evening service in the crypt of St. George's Church and returned there to spend the night at about 8.45. When she awoke at about 4.20 a.m. she found her husband had gone. He had been on leave for a week and he did not quite know whether he was due on duty on Monday morning or not. When he was on duty he usually left the crypt at about 3.45 and went home to make himself a cup of tea and have a wash before going to work.

Neighbour Climbs In.

At about 7.40 she left the crypt in company with Mrs. Stoner, a neighbour, and went to Church-road. There was only one key to the house so Mrs. Stoner usually climbed through the front window and opened the door for witness. When Mrs. Stoner had got into the house she said she could smell gas and that the scullery door was locked. Witness went to the Post Office, where the inspector told her that her husband was not due to return to work until Thursday. She then went to the police.

In reply to the Coroner, Mrs. Bull said her husband had never threatened to take his life.

The Coroner: Early this year did he take some ammonia?

Witness: Yes.

And he went to hospital for one night?—Yes.

Did he explain why he had taken it?—No, he never said anything at all.

Mrs. Louisa Mary Stoner corroborated Mrs. Bull's evidence as to the visit to the house.

P/S Buddle said that in company with P/S Bromley he forced the door leading to the scullery and found Mr. Bull lying on the floor with his head resting on a cushion in the gas oven. Gas was still escaping. Artificial respiration was applied but on arrival Dr. Gordon pronounced life extinct.

An Hour Too Late.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, who arrived at the house at 8.30, said Bull had not then been dead much more than an hour. Death was due to coal gas poisoning. When he was admitted to the hospital in April he was disturbed mentally. He got over it but an operation performed on his eye upset his mental balance again.

Inspr. Brown, of Ramsgate Post Office, said Bull was an excellent servant and carried out his duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. He used to be a bright, cheerful man but had been depressed recently.

Returning his verdict, the Coroner said he had not the slightest doubt that the balance of the man's mind was upset first by his experiences in air raids last year, and that he never really recovered from the effects of them. Latterly through illness and the operation to his eye his mind was further upset.

Expressing his sympathy with Mrs. Bull, the Coroner said he was sure she was pleased to hear from Inspr. Brown that her husband had carried out his duties in an exemplary manner.

The flowers placed on the coffin at the funeral, which took place on Thursday, testified to the esteem in which Mr. Bull was held by his comrades at the Ramsgate G.P.O.

MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN

REMANDED ON MURDER CHARGE

Accompanied by the police matron, Mrs. Mary Hogben, aged 40, of Gordon-square, Birchington, stood for a few moments in the dock at Margate police court on Wednesday, charged on remand with the murder of her child, Michael Frederick Hogben, aged 11 weeks.

As reported in our previous issue, Mrs. Hogben had walked up to a police officer in Birchington Square on the night of 25th November and said "I have killed my child and I want to give myself up." Inside a perambulator she was pushing was the dead body of the baby.

On Wednesday the Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, asked for a further remand of a week in the interests of both sides as the Director of Public Prosecutions wished to be represented.

Mr. Malcolm Borg, who appeared for the accused, said he had no objection to the application, and Mrs. Hogben was remanded until tomorrow.

At the inquest it had been stated that the baby, the youngest of a family of five children, died from asphyxia.

The father, L/A/C Arthur Frederick Hogben, R.A.F., said he last saw the child alive at 1.30 p.m. on 25th November.

ON TO £30,000

In eight weeks the Ramsgate National Savings "Tank before Christmas" campaign has brought in £23,209.

The sum of £20,000 having been saved for a Churchill tank, it is hoped to push the figure to £30,000 by Christmas.

Last week's savings of £2,496 were made up of £1,023 in Savings Certificates, £30 in Defence Bonds, £350 in 3 per cent. Savings Bonds and an increase of £1,093 due to depositors at the Post Office Savings Bank.

Naval Gallery

RAMSGATE'S OWN PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

Ramsgate has made an early start on its Warship Week programme.

The week is to be held from 14th-21st March and the objective is £70,000 for a motor torpedo boat.

As in War Weapons Week, the focal point of Warship Week will be an exhibition, which will in every way be comparable with the excellence of the previous effort.

A feature of the exhibition is to be a portrait gallery of Ramsgate men and women serving in the Royal Navy and allied forces. To make this exhibition as comprehensive as possible an early appeal is made for portraits. Portraits should be accompanied by the name, rank and address of the subject of the photograph and also the name and address of the sender. The greatest care will be taken of all portraits, which will be returned following the exhibition.

The Exhibition Committee ask that all portraits should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. S. H. Winter, joint hon. secretary, Ramsgate National Savings Committee, 19 and 21 King-street, Ramsgate.

Chance for C.D. Artists.

Another feature which it is hoped to arrange is an arts and crafts exhibition provided by Ramsgate Civil Defence Workers. Prizes are to be offered for drawings, paintings, plastic work and models.

The closing date for the submission of entries will be announced later and in the meantime it is suggested that Civil Defence workers should get busy.

WHAT HOPES?

WHITEHALL ASKED TO CUT RED TAPE

Through the medium of the Regional Commissioner, Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have asked the authorities at Whitehall to instruct their financial officers to apply a little commonsense to their interpretation of Government circular instructions.

The committee did not put the matter quite so bluntly as this but that is what the outcome of a dispute about haversacks boils down to.

In the extreme emergency which developed shortly before the outbreak of war, Government supplies of haversacks for first-aid parties were not available and local authorities were asked by the Ministry of Home Security to make their own arrangements for the purchase of "any serviceable type of haversacks."

After considerable difficulty the Ramsgate Sub-Controller was only able to purchase a number of haversacks fitted with first-aid equipment, at a cost of £75. Had he adhered strictly to the Government scheme the first-aid parties would have been without haversacks at the outbreak of war, a position the Ministry were anxious to avoid.

Nevertheless, after the exchange of considerable correspondence, the finance department of the Ministry of Home Security have now allowed for the purpose of grant a sum of £14 16s. only, the estimated cost of the empty haversacks, as the transaction did not comply strictly with the Government scheme.

Cash and Commonsense.

The Civil Defence Committee pointed out in the course of the correspondence "that even from the financial aspect as distinct from the practical and commonsense aspect of the matter, the purchase of haversacks already fitted with first-aid equipment was bound to react ultimately to the financial benefit of the Government, since it at least had the effect of conserving the stocks of first-aid equipment held by the Corporation."

The report presented by the committee to the Council on Thursday stated:

The sum in question in this case is small, but the committee feel that the principle involved is likely to affect considerable sums of money if adopted rigidly in connection with activities of the Corporation throughout the war.

The committee feel that there must be numerous cases where, owing to difficulties of supply or other difficulties arising out of conditions created by the war, it has not been possible to carry out the instructions of the Government department by the precise method indicated in a circular, but where it has been possible to achieve the desired result by some other method.

The committee feel it to be essential that in the abnormal conditions now prevailing, financial officers of the Ministry who deal with grant claims should be given discretionary powers in allowing expenditure where the result aimed at in an official instruction has been achieved by different methods or at a different cost than that contemplated in the instruction itself.

The committee feel that the matter is one of considerable importance and have asked the Town Clerk to call the personal attention of the Regional Commissioner to the matter with a request that he will urge the Government departments concerned to isue instructions to their financial officers which will have the desired effect.

ALLSWORTH—JONES

SERGEANT-PILOT'S BRIDE

Only son of Mrs. Allsworth and the late Mr. E. W. Allsworth, of the Broadway, Broadstairs, Sergt.-Pilot Anthony Edward Allsworth, R.A.F., was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, to Miss Beatrice Winifred Jones, only daughter of Mrs. Jones and the late Mr. G. H. Jones, of 7 Marlborough-road, Ramsgate.

Many of the bride's comrades at the multiple store where she has been employed for some years were present at the service, conducted in the crypt by the Vicar of Ramsgate, the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. T. Powney, of Sutton, and Mr. A. C. Redbourn, of Broadstairs, acted as best man.

The bride, who wore a powder blue dress, with burgundy coat and navy blue hat and accessories, carried a bouquet of white flowers.

Following a reception held at 7 Marlborough-road, the young couple left for the honeymoon at Tunbridge Wells, the bride travelling in a grey costume with navy blue accessories.

They received many presents and telegrams of congratulation.

The net balance overdrawn at the bank by Ramsgate Corporation at the end of November was £44,057 6s. 6d.

CAR ALLOWANCES

FOR COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Aldermen A. E. Petley, T. W. Mockridge and C. R. Woodhams, who all arrive on foot at Council meetings, have had the thankless task of considering the question of car allowances to officers of Ramsgate Corporation.

They ascertained that:

The Borough Engineer provides his own car, which he uses for official and private purposes, bears all costs of maintenance, license, renewals, petrol, etc., and receives an allowance of £102 a year;

The Deputy Borough Engineer, to whose car similar conditions apply, receives a grant of £50;

The Medical Officer of Health does not own a car but his predecessor received a car allowance of £50;

The Gas and Water Engineer uses for official and private purposes a Corporation car, all the expenses of which are borne by the Corporation, and receives no grant;

The Chief Sanitary Inspector uses his own car for official and private purposes, bears all the costs, and receives £48;

The Harbour Master, who is in a similar position, receives £50;

The Sands and Entertainments Manager, similarly situated, receives £52, but also acts as Billeting Officer, assists the Town Clerk in his duties as Custodian of Property and carries out duties in connection with evacuation and the collection of information regarding persons injured and killed in enemy air raids;

The Assistant Rating and Valuation Officer provides his own car and receives no grant but is refunded the cost of petrol required when the car is engaged for official purposes;

The Borough Treasurer and Town Clerk use their own cars for official and private purposes, bear all costs and receive no grants.

In addition to the above, staff cars are provided by the Corporation for the police, borough surveyor's department, road foreman and superintendent of the parks and pleasure grounds.

In connection with the question of grants to officers who used their own cars for official as well as private purposes the sub-committee felt that special consideration should be given to these facts:

It is not now possible to use a private car in the south-eastern coastal area unless the police authorities are satisfied that the car is required for essential business or official purposes;

Apart from a small basic ration, petrol cannot be obtained unless the Petroleum Board are satisfied that the car is actually used for such purposes.

Effect on Efficiency.

Their report, subsequently adopted by the Finance Committee, stated:

"The sub-committee are satisfied that the efficient administration of the many and varied activities of the Corporation in war-time would be seriously affected if the officials who have hitherto used their own cars for official purposes ceased to do so particularly in view of the fact that local bus and train services have been drastically curtailed and that taxis are not readily obtainable. The sub-committee have been impressed by the use which the Town Clerk and the Borough Treasurer have made of their cars in finding accommodation for persons whose houses have been damaged by enemy action which has enabled such persons to be rehoused much more quickly than would otherwise have been the case.

"In times when they were able to use their cars largely for private purposes the Town Clerk and the Borough Treasurer declined to make any application for a car allowance but the sub-committee feel that the time is now overdue when a car allowance should be made to these officers."

Allowances Recommended.

The recommendations were:

That a car allowance of £75 per annum each be made to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer;

That no alteration be made in the existing arrangements in respect of the Borough Engineer and Gas and Water Engineer;

That a car allowance of £26 per annum be made to the Assistant Rating and Valuation Officer in lieu of the present arrangement for refund of the cost of petrol;

That in order to remove anomalies a car allowance of £52 per annum be made to the other officers set out in the above list;

That the alterations take effect from the commencement of the current financial year.

The sub-committee also recommended that application be made to the Regional Commissioner for consent to purchase a second-hand car for general purposes use by the Civil Defence department, which at present uses for administrative purposes cars provided for the conveyance of casualties.

All the recommendations were approved by the Finance Committee and Council in committee before their submission for confirmation by the Council on Thursday.

There was no comment on the recommendations when they were approved by the Council on Thursday.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

The salary of D. W. Clifton, junior assistant at the Public Library, has been increased from £1 to £1 10s. a week.

A "spotter" is to be retained at the municipal buildings but additional duties may be allocated to him by the "appropriate officials."

In view of the continued curtailment of the normal activities of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade the grant for the current year has been further reduced from £200 to £150.

Mr. G. J. Egerton has been relieved of the obligation to keep the gardens and grounds of Court Stairs in good order during the war in view of the difficulty of obtaining the services of a gardener.

LIFE DOWN BELOW

It was reported to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday that when the shelter wardens have completed instruction in elementary fire-fighting, the N.F.S. personnel engaged on fire protection in the tunnel shelters will be released from duty there.

An expenditure of £25 on a flue and ventilation to a cooking range which is being provided in the shelters by the Ministry of Food has been approved for grant.

The Civil Defence Committee decided to take no action regarding an application received from Miss Chesswass for permission to hold religious meetings in the tunnels and refused to allow Mr. H. F. Watler to instal a wireless set down below.

The Borough Engineer is to report as to the best method of adopting an alternative lighting system in the tunnels.

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A YEAR AGO

Ramsgate Borough Treasurer, having submitted to the Ministry of Health an application for an advance to meet the local authority's deficiency for the month of October, the Government advanced the town the sum of £30,000.

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For his services in connection with the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk in June, Mr. Douglas Kirkaldie, of Kent-place, Ramsgate, was mentioned in despatches.

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Margate A.R.P. and A.F.S. received gifts of tea from Canada.

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Councillor A. R. Young was appointed chairman of the A.R.P. Committee of Ramsgate Council and Counoncillor J. J. White was elevated to the aldermanic bench.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

One of the airmen mainly instrumental in sending a Zeppelin to its doom on 28th November was Flt. Sub-Lieut. E. L. Pulling, of the R.N.A.S. He went up with Flt.-Lieut. E. Cadbury when the Zeppelin was over the Norfolk coast, and after a fight in the air lasting three-quarters of an hour, the monster came down in flames. He has been awarded the D.S.O. and Flt.-Lieut. Cadbury received the D.S.C. together with Flt. Sub-Lieut. G. W. R. Fane. Lieut. Pulling is well known in Thanet, having been engaged in the local wireless service for some years, being attached to the Kingsgate Station. A young man full of life and energy, he wanted to join one of the services when the war broke out but the Admiralty would not release him until about a year afterwards, and he then went into the R.N.A.S. In January this year he paid a—figuratively speaking—flying visit to Thanet when he was married to Miss Phyllis Ross, only daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. N. Ross, of Pierremont Hall School, Broadstairs.

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Widespread regret will be felt in Broadstairs and the Thanet district at the news of the death from wounds on 23rd November of Lieut. L. J. Moon, Devonshire Regiment. Mr. Leonard James Moon was the younger brother of Dr. E. G. Moon, of Broadstairs, and a member of a family famous in English sport. He had been a master at St. Michael's School, Westgate, and St. Peter's Court and Wellesley House, Broadstairs.

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A painful impression was created in Ramsgate by the news on Wednesday that Mr. A. Hickmore, editor of our contemporary, the "East Kent Times," had been killed at the front. He was 40 years of age and joined the forces at the beginning of June.

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Ramsgate Finance Committee resolved that the Council be recommended to make a general district rate of 2s. 3d. in the £ for the half year ending 31st March.

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At a meeting of Ramsgate Council a presentation was made to Mr. C. G. Price, who was leaving the town to take up an appointment at Torquay.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

PARTING FROM SANDWICH

At the meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday Councillor M. J. Poole moved "That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of the legal proceedings necessary to be taken in order to obtain separation from Sandwich, the establishment of a borough bench and court of quarter sessions, together with a list of those officials (if any) who would have to be compensated because of such separation, and present the same at the next Council meeting." He said that any lengthened remarks were uncalled for, as the resolution he had proposed was not likely to cause any great diversity of opinion. It was well known that there was a very general feeling that the relations between Ramsgate and Sandwich were of an anomalous description, and sooner or later a separation would have to be effected. (Hear, hear.) The present appeared to him to be the most favourable to secure that object. The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

STORM WARRIOR'S DEATH

We have this week to record the demise of one of Ramsgate's "Storm Warriors," in the person of Thomas Cooper, who died on Saturday at the age of 77. Cooper, who has assisted in saving many from a watery grave, formed one of the crew of the first lifeboat stationed at Ramsgate and continued in his noble work until the last few years, when failing health prevented him from going afloat. He was one of the crew who went to the rescue on the memorable occasion of the wreck of the Indian Chief; he was then 68 years old. Before he died he said he saw no fear or danger in the work of rescue of his fellow creatures.

SOCIAL CYCLISTS

The social event of the year for Ramsgate cyclists, the annual dinner of the Ramsgate Cycling Club, took place at the Bull and George Hotel on Thursday. The president (Mr. E. J. Brett) was in the chair.

AVOIDING PINPRICKS

COUNCIL AND WORKERS UNITE

Acting on the suggestion of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, Ramsgate Town Council have agreed to the establishment of a works committee representative of the Council and their appropriate employees.

The joint committee is to consist of five members of the Council and five representatives of the employees.

The Council representatives are Aldermen A. E. Petley and C. R. Woodhams and Councillors J. B. Butler, J. Martin and D. J. R. Smith.

At Thursday's meeting of the Town Council Alderman W. T. Smith asked if he could be given more information concerning the proposed joint committee. What, he asked, would be its work?

Councillor Woodhams, chairman of the Works Committee, said the purpose of the committee was to clear up any misunderstandings which might arise between employees and the Council. Employers and employees would sit down round the same table and settle their grievances. The Council members of the committee represented the Works Department, Gas and Water Department, Parks and Pleasure Grounds, Harbour and Sands and Entertainments.

Alderman Smith asked if the committee would be in a position to deal with anything other than disputes.

Councillor J. Martin said the committee was purely a Whitley Council composed of employers and employees in equal numbers. They would have no executive powers. Almost every Council had set up such a committee. It was merely a negotiating machine to settle pinpricks and make things amicable for both sides.

SOLD AND LOANED

MAKING USE OF THE DECK CHAIRS

The Manager (Mr. R. J. Costerton) has submitted to the Sands and Entertainments Committee of Ramsgate Town Council a statement of the stock of chairs at 31st December, 1939, and a record of the chairs loaned for various purposes since the outbreak of war.

In addition to 3,000 deck chairs which were sold to the A.R.P. Committee for use in the tunnels in the early days of the war, a total of 498 deck or rajah chairs have been loaned to various Civil Defence departments, military units, Home Guard and other organisations, and 500 iron chairs have been placed in the tunnels.

There have been some unavoidable losses due to the rough handling of chairs but the committee are satisfied that such losses do not amount to more than 50-100 chair out of a total stock of over 10,000.

In future it is to be a condition when chairs are loaned to units of H.M. Forces that a sum not less than the cost price of the chairs shall be deposited as security for their return, and that all Corporation departments to which chairs have been or are in future loaned shall bear the cost of loss or depreciation.

Although it is not the practise of the committee to authorise the sale of chairs, approximately a dozen are to be sold for the use of the night crew at the Coventry report and control centre "in view of the happy relations existing between Ramsgate and Coventry."

ALL GENUINE AT RAMSGATE

Samples taken at Ramsgate of castor oil, cod liver oil, camphorated oil, tinctures of quinine and iodine, three of cocoa and five of milk have all been reported genuine.

COMMUNAL FEEDING

MINISTRY TO MEET LOSS

As reported in our previous issue, Broadstairs British Restaurant was run at a loss of £30 during October.

At the monthly meeting of the Council last week Councillor B. Humphrey chairman of the British Restaurant Committee, said the charges were originally fixed at the suggestion of the Ministry of Food and one or two of them were a little sceptical as to whether they would cover the cost. He was most surprised to find that during the first two months they were meeting expenses. One or two factors then operated against them rather adversely, including an increase in the cost of food. It was with very great reluctance that the committee decided to increase the charges by a penny a meal. As far as he could find out, people who used the restaurant felt that what they were getting was still worth the money.

C.D. Workers' Meals.

Councillor Humphrey said it had been suggested that one reason why they had been unable to meet expenses was because meals were provided for Civil Defence workers. People seemed to think that these meals were provided out of British Restaurant funds. That was not so. All meals served to Civil Defence workers were paid for by the Government.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said Lady Reading told him that day that she has never known such comfort, quality and quantity as was provided at the Pierremont Restaurant.

Councillor H. Bing asked how any deficiency was to be met. Would it be the subject of Government grant or would it fall on the rates? He did not think the increase of a penny a meal would enable them to meet expenses.

The Chairman said the Ministry of Food were responsible for any deficiency. In running the restaurant they were only carrying out the decided policy of the Government. It also resulted in economy and he did not think that people who attended each day would also draw their full rations.

Councillor Humphrey said he thought they would be able to meet expenses as the staff had been reduced from six to four.

Councillor F. Foster said there was no saving so far as the consumption of food was concerned. Such an undertaking increased consumption. If people did not draw their rations it would be a different thing, but they all knew that they did. He did not blame them.

Some of them, added Councillor Foster, would have some very pertinent questions to ask were it not for the fact that the Council would not be called on to meet any deficiency.

A GANGSTER'S DOOM

MARX BROTHERS AT KING'S

Thrills on Sierra's topmost crag and the Marx Brothers in a department store are the contrasts provided in this week's programmes at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

"High Sierra," which heads the bill for to-day and to-morrow, tells the story of Roy Earle, the last of the "Dillinger gang." It is the tale of a man who is overtaken by his inexorable doom just as he finds happiness for the first time in his sordid life, and there is a sensational climax when Earle barricades himself in the rocky heights of High Sierra. Ida Lupino and Humphrey Bogart have the leading parts. Wayne Morris exposes "Gambling on the High Seas" in the supporting feature.

The Marx Brothers are at it again in "The Big Store," chief feature for the second part of the week. The story finds Groucho as Wolf J. Flywheel, a private detective, assisted by Chico and Harpo, attempting to guard Tony Martin from a ruthless killer in a department store. The boys finally make good, after many doubtful moments, and capture the villain. As a result Groucho wins the hand and wealth of Margaret Dumont, back in her usual role as foil for Groucho's mad wooing. Frankie Darro stars in "In the Night," which will also be shown.

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RAMSGATE W.A.A.F. ON THE AIR

Mrs. Wilson, of 7 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, listened with particular interest to the Ack-Ack Beer-Beer radio magazine when the 150th edition was presented by the B.B.C. in the Forces programme on Thursday.

Her daughter, Miss Marjorie E. Wilson, was a member of the W.A.A.F. chorus which was a feature of the programme.

Miss Wilson, who is 21 years of age, joined the W.A.A.Fs. three months ago after having previously been employed by a firm of milliners.

PLOUGHING A PLAYGROUND

As a tractor ordered by Ramsgate Council for ploughing up land at Jackey Baker's recreation ground cannot be delivered for some months, Alderman T. W. Mockridge and the Superintendent Groundsman, Mr. R. Clarke, have been authorised to obtain competitive prices from local contractors for ploughing up the land.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Labour Representative.—Mrs. M. Allen has been co-opted as representative of the Labour Party on Ramsgate Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Horsley.

Excess Expenditure.—In order to regularise the matter Ramsgate Town Council are applying to the Ministry of Home Security for approval to excess expenditure amounting to £557 incurred in connection with Civil Defence measures.

A Fresh Beat.—Two further members of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, P/S Bowden and P/C (25) Smith, have been accepted for service with the R.A.F.V.R. A second special advance of one increment in their pay has been granted to D/C Reid and P/Cs G. Smith and Weller.

Engagement.—Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. B. Home, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, Mr. Percy John Ronald Home is engaged to be married to Miss Eileen Ethel Ward, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ward, of Holton le Clay, Lincolnshire.

Bunks for Andersons.—Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have requested the Borough Engineer to continue his efforts to obtain through the regional authorities an allocation of bunking for Anderson shelters in the town "at the earliest possible date."

Film Censors.—To the Film Censorship Committee Ramsgate Town Council have appointed Aldermen A. E. Petley, W. T. Smith and C. R. Woodhams, Councillors W. L. Knibbs and Mrs. Dunn, together with two co-opted members nominated by the Ramsgate Council of Christian Churches.

Evacuated Woman's Theft.—Mrs. Lilian Alice Griggs, who evacuated from Ramsgate to Stafford last year, was fined £5 at Stafford police court last week for stealing a number of articles value £7 12s. 6d. from the English Electric Co. Ltd., where she was employed as a cleaner. It was stated that her husband was serving in the Army.

Civil Defence Clerk.—The Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have authorised the appointment of a male clerk at the Civil Defence headquarters at a weekly wage of £3 15s. to £4 a week, according to experience. The salary of the temporary clerk at the Wardens' Office has been increased from £2 10s. to £3 a week.

Allotments Committee.—Messrs. G. Cullen, J. K. Massey and A. J. Taylor have again been co-opted members of Ramsgate Allotments Committee and thanked for their past services. Other members of the committee are Aldermen T. W. Mockridge and W. Hawkins, Councillors Dr. A. Duffy, W. L. Knibbs, O. Hughes and D. J. R. Smith.

Left His Car Behind.—Charles Nichols, aged 60, of Penshurst-road, was fined 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing properly to immobilise a car in respect of which no defence area label had been issued. Defendant said he had been away from the town for some time and did not know he had to hand over the rotor arm and distributor cap to the police. He had immobilised the car by taking the battery away.

First Social.—Members of the Ramsgate branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers were congratulated by Councillor H. Farmer when they held their first social at the 1914 Club, Chatham-place, last week. Those contributing towards an enjoyable entertainment included Messrs. Wing and Miriams (Works Department), Dawes and Gibbens (Gas and Water), Hardes (Chislet Colliery), Sergt. Bridger, R.A., and the Melody Four, a popular musical quartette. Following the success of the social another is being arranged.

MARGATE

Council Audit.—The audit of the accounts of Margate Town Council for the year ended 31st March will begin on Monday next.

J.I.C. Representative.—Alderman T. Wells has been appointed representative of Margate Town Council on the Joint Industrial Council.

Forgetful Motorist.—A fine of £1 was imposed by Margate magistrates on Wednesday on Cecil Alloway, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, who was summoned for failing to immobilise his car in Marlowe-road, Margate. Defendant told a police officer "I completely forgot to remove the rotor arm."

Left Fires Burning.—Dorothy Dwyer, of Highgate, was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday for permitting a light to show during the black-out from 43 Marine-terrace. P/C Wood said he and another officer had to climb a gate, a wall and an iron staircase to enter the premises. They found two gas fires had been left burning. Defendant told the officer she came to Margate in the morning and lit the fires to dry the rooms. She forgot the black-out when she went out in the afternoon.

BIRCHINGTON

Captured at Calais.—Son of Major E. L. Hunter, of Birchington, Lieut. David Hunter, one of the handful of Royal Marines who gallantly helped to hold up the enemy advance at Calais last year, has written home from Germany, where he is a prisoner of war, to say he has been receiving an average of one Red Cross parcel a week for nearly three and a half months. "How grand it is now," he wrote in July, "to get all your letters and parcels so soon after you have sent them off. I have had letters less than three weeks old, which is a great change from the old four-monthly racket."

WAR-TIME DARTS LEAGUE

Positions week ending 6th December:

	Pts.
Oddfellows' Club	38
Royal Navy	35
Working Men's Club ...	34
First-Aid Party	30
National Fire Service ...	27
Royal Artillery	21
Home Guard	17
British Legion	15

AN INVALID DAUGHTER

JUDGE'S SYMPATHY FOR MOTHER

At the December sitting of Margate county court, his Honour Judge Clements offered to do what he could to expedite matters for a woman whose daughter is waiting to go into a sanatorium.

Miss Alice Shiers, of Warwick-road, Margate, claimed possession of 5 Wyndham-avenue from Edmund Albert Whittaker, it being stated the rent was £25 in arrears.

Mrs. Whittaker, who said her husband was working in Gloucestershire, told the Judge she would have left the house but for her daughter, who was waiting to go into a sanatorium but could not be admitted until after Christmas as no bed was available.

"It is a very sad case," commented Judge Clements. "The girl has been in bed six months, and whatever money the mother gets from her husband is swallowed up very quickly. It is very sad and very hard. But I cannot be charitable with other people's money. The plaintiff has waited a long time."

Turning to Mrs. Whittaker, his Honour asked "When will you get out? I must have a date, however sad it may be."

Mrs. Whittaker: Is it too much to ask for a month, provided I pay the rent in the meantime?

The Judge: I have no power to make any order for rent. The order I make will be of benefit to you and your daughter, because if I make a definite date the doctor will have to do something to get her into the sanatorium.

Finding that the doctor in the case was the medical referee of the court, the Judge offered his help. "May I see what I can do for you?" he asked. "Would you like me to communicate with the doctor?"

Mrs. Whittaker: I think they are doing their best.

His Honour: I know the doctor very well. If you would like me to expedite matters I will do what I can.

Mrs. Whittaker expressed a desire for her daughter to remain at home for Christmas, and when his Honour agreed she accepted his offer of help.

An order was made for possession in a month and Mrs. Whittaker said "I fully appreciate that."

BUFFS IN THE DESERT

A NEW YEAR FULL OF HOPE

News from the Middle East, received by airgraph, which usually takes about three weeks in transit, is included in the December issue of "The Dragon," regimental paper of The Buffs.

Writes one contributor: "I shall not give a long discourse on either the climatic conditions or our present surroundings. One part of the desert is similar to another and the weather is fairly constant; winter is on the way and we are taking the moth balls out of our 'Goon' suit and thick clothing. In fact, at the moment we are what might be termed 'resting,' in that we are busy darning and washing our clothes, and find more time than is usual for bathing (before the sea gets too cold), and for football. Some keen inter-company and some unit matches have already taken place. Nor do we have to study aircraft overhead so carefully or utter the famous last words: 'It's all right, they are British . . .' Yes, we are preparing for the immediate future into which we look with great expectation and confidence. 1941 has brought us a host of fresh things and experiences and an insight into what is expected of us. We enter 1942 full of hope and wish all The Buffs a merry Christmas and a happier New Year."

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUNDAY AT HOME

Sir,—Nobody apparently deeming it worth while to reply to "An Every-day Christian," would you kindly permit me this opportunity?

Are we to understand that "An Every-day Christian" is actuated by higher Christian principles when indulging in rhetorical accusations against spiritual attributes?

May I preface my remarks with another remark voiced recently by an individual (generally acclaimed as anything but a Christian) when pressed to send his children to Sunday school, i.e., "If it don't do 'em any good, it can't do 'em any harm!"

In a quandary "An Every-day Christian" asks what we have to offer but the public-house if Sunday cinemas were abolished in Ramsgate, adding his preference of the cinema to the pub for his children. Has the home life of "An Every-day Christian" become so insufferable as to be a most unwholesome factor to the uplift of his children? May I emphasise the point that in the days of undiscovered films the Sundays at home of the masses were something looked forward to and in numerous cases made happier with the knowledge of having attended church at least once during the day.

May I re-echo, or rather revise the aforementioned phrase, i.e., "It can do 'em lots of good, and won't do 'em any harm!"

W.R.T.

Ramsgate.

MINSTER.

War Graves.—Minster Council have agreed to the re-turfing of the 63 war graves at the cemetery.

Comforts for Children.—To provide Christmas comforts for the 30 school-children evacuated from Minster, Eastry Rural District Council have made a grant of a shilling a head.

Death of Mr. George Tutt.—Mr. George Edward Jackson Tutt, of Japonica, Monkton-road, Minster, a former chief petty officer in the Royal Navy, passed away last week, aged 63. Mr. Tutt left the Navy, in which he served for 35 years, in 1929 and had since been employed by the Air Ministry. Last year his former home in Minster was destroyed in a raid. The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Wednesday, the service being conducted by the Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael). The mourners were Mrs. Ratten (sister), Mrs. Milne (housekeeper), Mr. and Mrs. A. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. M. Shorter.

MARGATE SAVINGS

By saving £14,747 in November, Margate has brought its investments in national war savings since January, 1940, to a total of £611,561 10s.

Of this total nearly £250,000 has been invested in the Post Office Savings Bank and £80,000 in the purchase of Savings Certificates.

The November figures showed an increase of £4,247 on October.

The membership of the savings groups in the town has increased from 1,767 to 2,635, whose savings averaged 17s. 6d. each during the past quarter.

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COMPULSORY FULL-TIME SCHOOLS

TO START AT RAMSGATE

The sub-committee decided that the schools should be staffed as follows: Ellington—Miss E. M. Dexter (head teacher), Mr. Hearnden, Miss Andrews and three others; Hereson—Mr. J. Hartley (head teacher), Mr. Copping, Miss Foreman, Mrs. Clamp and two others; Dame Janet—Miss A. E. Ouzman (head teacher), Mr. Willson, Miss Grout and one other; St. Luke's—Miss Huggard (head teacher) and one other; Christ Church—Miss Bates (head teacher) and two others; St. Augustine's—(head teacher to be appointed), Mr. Finigan and one other.

Staffing, continued the report, must of necessity be provisional and will be subject to review and adjustment immediately the numbers and classification of children in attendance are known.

Arrangements have been made for Ellington Infants School and Hereson Infants School to be vacated from the purposes for which they are at present being used.

After dealing with the question of caretakers for the schools, the report stated that the re-opening for compulsory attendance would necessitate the employment of Mr. Hackett, the School Enquiry Officer, for school attendance work. Since evacuation Mr. Hackett had been responsible for collection of parents' billeting contributions, and matters generally regarding the billeting, clothing and footwear of evacuated children.

£10,000 Collected.

The sub-committee were of the opinion that Mr. Hackett should be relieved of that work and resume the school enquiry work, and at the same time he would be able effectively to supervise the employment of children and undertake other outside enquiry work in connection with evacuation. A sum exceeding £10,000 had been collected at the Education Office by way of parents' contributions and under arrangements made with the Kent County Council, the local authority, to cover the cost of collection, had retained 2½ per cent. of this amount. Additional staff, however, was not appointed for this purpose and the sub-committee recommended that a person should be appointed temporarily to the staff to undertake, in the main, the duties now undertaken by Mr. Hackett.

Whilst the teaching staff would be present for duty on Monday, 5th January, it was recommended that the schools should re-open for the attendance of children on Wednesday, 7th January.

"In conclusion," stated the report, "the sub-committee are of opinion that the arrangements now submitted are the best and most workable that can be devised, and although parents should be encouraged to retain their children in the reception area, the scheme outlined is capable of extension should circumstances demand this at any time."

Moving the adoption of the report, the chairman (Alderman W. T. Smith) that he thought the sub-committee had made an excellent start in getting the schools in Ramsgate in working order again.

No Shilly-Shallying.

Referring to the paragraph relating to Mr. Hackett, the chairman said there was a lot more in this than met the eye. The position was that for the past two years the schools had not been open, except for part-time tuition during the past month or two, and the result was that many children had been running wild. The parents of many of them, he was sorry to say, were largely to blame. It was the intention of the committee to enforce the attendance at the schools of all children of school age. There was to be no shilly-shallying.

If parents failed to send their children to school the strongest action would be taken. He was putting that quite emphatically. This must be brought home to the parents, for many did not seem to care whether their children attended school or not. The Education Acts must be carried out in their entirety.

Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth: We have no alternative. We have to see that the children, for their own sake, are educated.

Seconding the adoption of the report, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the sub-committee, said that some considerable time previously the committee brought to the attention of the Board of Education the fact that there were many children in the town receiving no education at all. At that time they were not allowed to open the schools. Later they were given permission to open certain centres for what was termed "home service tuition." It was a very inadequate kind of education, the children attending for an hour or an hour and a half. By the time the registers were marked, milk distributed, instructions given and probably air raid drill carried out the time was greatly encroached upon.

He wished to pay tribute, said Councillor Harcourt Samuel, to the splendid work of the teachers who had carried on this service under very difficult conditions.

The committee again approached the Board of Education and pointed out that of the 850-900 children of school age in the town only about half were attending this modified form of tuition. The result was that they had received permission from the Board, subject to the consent of the Regional Commissioner, to re-open their schools. It would now be their duty to see that all children of school age in the town received proper education.

Making Up Leeway.

He had seen for himself that many of the children receiving the modified form of tuition which had been provided were gravely retarded in their education. Although the children had been away from school for the comparatively short period of 12 or 15 months, yet they had lost more than that in their education. They could judge from this how far behind the children would be who had had no education of any sort since the schools were closed. This leeway had to be made up. Otherwise one trembled to think what would be the position of these children when they had to compete with children who had received proper education, and what would be the state of the generation to come upon whom so much would depend.

It might be said, continued Councillor Harcourt Samuel, that the town suffered from air raids. They were reminded of that from time to time. For parents who were apprehensive of

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BROADSTAIRS

Arts and Crafts Jewellers, Broadstairs.—Unique pre-war stock and prices, on sale 28th November—Christmas. Re-threading.

House-to-House Collection.—A house-to-house penny-a-week collection on behalf of the Duke of Gloucester's Appeal Fund is to take the place of the collection formerly made in Broadstairs on behalf of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. During November the sum of £19 was collected.

Savings Stream.—During the month of November National Savings in Broadstairs amounted to £2,630. Last week's figure of £490 consisted of £118 in Savings Certificates, £10 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £362 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank. In the past 30 weeks 44 members of the Home Guard have saved £91 10s.

Reading Street Social.—The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, assisted by Mr. L. Bing, was M.C. at a social held at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, last week. The Young People's Fellowship presented a play entitled "Always Keep Your Head," the cast of which included Miss Ogilvie, Miss Austen, Miss Brasil, Mr. Christmas, Mr. Dengate and Mr. Meredith. Music for dancing was provided by Mr. Gooding, a former band leader.

Death of Mr. T. W. Fox.—The death has occurred at the home of his youngest daughter at West Wickham of Mr. Thomas William Fox, aged 68 years, formerly of Selgrove, The Vale, Broadstairs. Mr. Fox, who came to Broadstairs after retiring from a position at the G.P.O., London, had recently been living in Buckinghamshire and was returning to Broadstairs when he was taken ill. The funeral took place at Hayes.

Soldiers on Remand.—As the county prosecuting solicitor was unable to attend that day, the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on Monday again adjourned for a week a case in which Ptes. Ernest Albert Payne, 18, and Ronald Desmond Knight, 17, were charged with stealing apples value 9d. from a house at Dumpton Park-drive, Broadstairs, which had been left unprotected in consequence of war operations.

No Front Light.—Seen riding a bicycle without a front light at the corner of Park-avenue and Ramsgate-road at 6.25 p.m. on 12th November, Mrs. Lilian Maud Legge, of Alexandra-road, Broadstairs, was stopped by P.C. Thorn, to whom she replied "Yes, I know. The battery has run down." At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, where she was fined 5s. on Monday, Mrs. Legge wrote explaining that rain had entered the battery.

"Be Home Soon."—"Get the champagne ready. Shall be home soon," wrote Pte. Walter Chamberlain, The Buffs, prisoner of war in Germany, in a recent letter to his parents at Broadstairs. Pte. Chamberlain, who is now the camp barber, says they are getting parcels weekly from the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. "Am as happy as can be, but get downhearted at times," he wrote, "as we seldom hear any news, but waiting and hoping for the best."

Fire-Watcher Fined.—At the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, Spencer Barton Lemon, of Coastguard Cottages, Broadstairs, who is never at home during darkness owing to his duties as a permanent fire-watcher, was fined 10s. for allowing a light to shine from his home during black-out hours. He forgot to turn out an oil stove when he left for duty at 5 p.m. on 20th November and the light was seen shining through two windows at 9.5 p.m. As there was no one on the premises P/C Thorn entered through an insecure window and extinguished the light.

TROOPS' COMFORTS

RAMSGATE FLAG DAY SUCCESS

The flag day in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Services Comforts Fund realised the satisfactory total of £84 2s. 4d.

To-wards this collections at the King's Theatre brought in £19 16s. 2½d. and the Wardens' Post collected £15 9s. 10½d.

Other collections were: National Fire Service C6 (Mr. Muir), £9 0s. 3½d.; National Fire Service C5 (Mr. Pritchard), £1 15s. 2½d.; Miss Le Gallais, £1 12s. 3½d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 6s. 0½d.; Miss Harmer, 5s. 1½d.; Mrs. Knight, 9s. 5d.; Mr. Butler, £1 7s. 4½d.; Mrs. Venner, 9s. 5½d.; Mrs. Pook, £1 0s. 7d.; Miss Moys, 2s 0½d.; Mr. Green, 2s. 9d.; Mr. Britton, £1 4s. 4d.; A.T.C. boys, £2 4s. 4d.; Messenger boys, £1 16s. 2½d.; collection at West Cliff Theatre, £1 18s. 3d.; Mrs. Bishop, £1 0s. 5d.; Mrs. Cripps, 16s. 6d.; Mrs. Thom, £1 3s. 5½d.; Mrs. Warden, 16s. 10d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 11s. 10½d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, 15s. 4d.; Mrs. Prestedge, £1 4s. 9d.; Mrs. Shelton, 10s.; Mrs. Kevan, 15s. 2½d.; Miss Voss, 15s. 1½d.; Mrs. Snapes, £1 8s. 8d.; Miss M. Hale, £1 0s. 11½d.; Mrs. Lock, 17s. 3d.; Miss Carr, 8s. 3½d.; Mrs. Pugh, 6s. 8d.; Mrs. Bickerton £1 10s. 2d.; Mr. March, £2 15s. 2d.; Mrs. Avery 12s.; Mr. Saxby, 2s. 5½d.; Mr. Purkiss, 4s. 2d.; Mr. Wing, £3 0s. 6½d.; Odeon Theatre collection, 2s. 2½d.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of the collection.

THE ONLY ONE AGAINST

Broadstairs Council have appointed Councillor E. K. Minter as their representative on the Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities' Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the Southern Home Counties Division.

When the General Purposes Committee recommended the appointment at the December meeting of the Council Councillor B. Humphrey moved that the matter be referred back for further consideration. He argued that Councillor Minter had not the time to devote to the work in view of other important Government duties which he had undertaken.

As the reference back failed to find a seconder it fell to the ground and the recommendation was approved.

RAMSGATE'S HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

It has been reported to Ramsgate Town Council that an architect has been appointed by the Ministry of Works and Buildings as expert adviser on the treatment of historical buildings, in connection with possible air raid damage.

Such buildings scheduled in Ramsgate are St. Lawrence Church, the Church of St. Mary, Chapel-place, The Georgian House, St. Lawrence, The Old House, High-street, No. 124 High-street, and Newington Windmill.

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the safety of their children he would remind them that the Government's evacuation scheme was still in force. Evacuation was the policy of the Government but unfortunately, he was sorry to say, it was rather by suggestion than by order. Frequently parties of children were taken to the reception area from Ramsgate. The choice before parents was now school in Ramsgate or in the reception area. That was the choice that would have to be made. There was no other alternative.

In conclusion, said Councillor Harcourt Samuel, he wished to pay tribute to the teachers for the great assistance they had given in drawing up the present plans. They had a fine body of teachers and he was sure they could rely on them to do their very best to overcome the difficulties which the war had brought to the town and to its children.

The report was adopted unanimously.

A CANDLE IN THE DARK

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BOMBED BUT GRATEFUL

HOSPITAL EXTENSION GIFTS

Behind a second token of "gratitude for kindness and care received as a patient 5th-12th November, 1940," contributed by "H. and L.T." to Ramsgate Hospital extensions fund in November lies a story of a home demolished by bombs and a woman gravely injured and near to death who was nursed and tended back to health.

Another November contribution came from Mr. W. Grace, of West Ealing, who looks upon Ramsgate like a second home, having spent every Whitsun and August holiday there for 14 years, and who looks forward to the time when his visits may be renewed. He adopted the idea of collecting bunhead pennies for the extension fund.

Annual subscriptions were received during the month from Sir Malcolm McAlpine, K.B.E. (£25) and Alderman T. W. Mockridge (£3 3s.), and dividends amounting to £15 on money invested in War Bonds brought the fund total to £10,422 0s. 3d.

GIRLS BUSY MAKING BROOCHES

Since it was reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO that Joyce Abbott and Ilene Gibbs, of Ramsgate, were helping to buy a Spitfire by making and selling V for Victory brooches, the two girls have been kept busy.

In addition to a large number of orders received from all over Thanet, Mrs. C. Bligh, who formerly lived at 54 Hardres-street, Ramsgate, but is now working in a factory at Highbury, has asked for a supply of brooches to be sent to her so that she can sell them among those working with her. Offers of supplies of raw materials in the shape of beads have also been received.

In acknowledging the first contribution of 10s. from this source, which was passed on to him by the Ramsgate Savings Committee, the Minister of Aircraft Production said that help in such a form was very much appreciated and it was hoped that mention of the contribution might be made in one of the Sunday broadcasts in the near future.

TINFOIL HELPS HOSPITAL

The last consignment of tinfoil collected by Ramsgate General Hospital from various friends weighed nearly a quarter of a ton and realised nearly £5.

The only donations received by the hospital during November were £5 from Mr. H. G. Conisbee, of Southgate, N.14, £2 2s. contributed anonymously and £1 1s. from the Women's Auxiliary of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society.

The collecting box at the hospital contained 9s. 11d.

The sum of £39 1s. was received from the Ramsgate section of the Thanet Hospitals' contributory scheme and £8 from the Hospital Saving Association.

Gifts in kind included waste paper, which is helping the hospital financially, flowers and vegetables.

MUSIC AT ST. LAWRENCE

At a recital of music at St. Lawrence Church on Sunday afternoon the congregation had the pleasure of hearing a member of His Majesty's Forces at their organ. Mr. George Hoare, L.L.C.M., at present stationed in the district, played a number of items including the air from Handel's "Water Music" and a very pleasing composition entitled "La Jeunesse."

Miss Kathleen Perry, L.R.A.M., contributed pianoforte solos and also accompanied the organ, an unusual combination, which was particularly effective in Handel's Concerto No. 6 in B flat and a minuet composed by the organist.

Mr. George Gilliver (alto), also a member of H.M. Forces, sang solos from Handel's "Messiah" to organ accompaniment.

The recital was an event all too rare in Ramsgate in these days.

NEW VICE-CHAIRMEN

Although he has been a member of Ramsgate Council only two months, Councillor D. J. R. Smith has been elected vice-chairman of the Cemeteries Committee.

Councillor P. Turner has been appointed vice-chairman of the Finance Committee in place of Alderman W. T. Smith, and Councillor O. Hughes has succeeded Councillor W. Hawkins as vice-chairman of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee.

HOSPITAL WORKERS' BADGE

It is estimated that about 60,000 persons —mostly women—will be eligible to wear the circular badge which is to be issued free to all domestic workers in hospitals giving regular whole-time or part-time service of not less than 96 hours a month.

On the badge are the words "Ministry of Health" in silver lettering on a red enamelled border and "Hospital Service" in blue on a silver cross-bar.

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FIFTY YEARS RAILWAY SERVICE

Having recently completed 50 years service with the Southern Railway, Mr. G. W. Fearn, of Richmond-road, Ramsgate, has been presented with the company's award for long and faithful service.

After serving at Rotherhithe-road, Charing Cross and Blackheath, Mr. Fearn came to Ramsgate as assistant examiner in 1893. He held that position for 27 years and for the past 21 years has been chargeman.

In recognition of his ambulance work Mr. Fearn was made an associate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1917 and he holds the bronze, silver and gold medals of the Order.

COST OF SAFER SITES

During a recent visit to Ramsgate by the Deputy Regional Commissioner and regional officers the question of the siting of the existing first-aid and rescue party depots and the condition of the premises at which these depots are located was discussed.

The Deputy Regional Commissioner asked that proposals should be put forward for the siting of these depots in less vulnerable areas, and at more suitable premises at which the required measure of protection for the personnel could be more adequately provided.

The Town Council have now put forward plans for the removal of two first-aid parties and one rescue party to other premises, the cost of which is estimated at £1,729.

Application for approval is to be made to the regional authorities.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Chapman.—28th November, at Maycroft Nursing Home, Woodford, to Marjorie (née Holbourn), wife of K. G. Chapman, a daughter.

Cripps.—28th November, at 1 Codrington-road, Ramsgate, to the wife of Leslie Cripps, R.N., of a son.

Price.—1st December, at the Manor House, Clifton Hampden, Abingdon, Berks, the wife of Flt.-Lieut. D. E. Price, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Allsworth—Jones.—4th December, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Sergt.-Pilot Anthony Edward Allsworth, R.A.F., of Broadstairs, to Beatrice Winifred Jones, of Ramsgate.

Mayer—Hurley.—6th December, at St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. Bede Winslow, L/Bdr. Charles Gerald Mayer to Joan Florence Hurley, both of Ramsgate.

Parker—Douglas.—1st December, at St. James' Church, Tunbridge Wells, Reginald Ellis Parker, of London, to Eileen Gladys Douglas, of Margate.

Shepherd—Belsey.—29th November, at Christ Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. P. M. Townend, Corpl. Henry John Holbrook Shepherd, of Broadstairs, to Rose Kate Jane Belsey, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Pantony.—27th November, Charlotte Annie Pantony, of 16 St. George's-road, Broadstairs, aged 55 years.

Simmons.—3rd December, William Simmons, of 20 Upper Dane-road, Margate, aged 80 years.

Tutt.—30th November, at Japonica, Monkton-road, Minster, George Edward Jackson Tutt, aged 63 years.

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